

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
MAY 11, 2023 -6:30 PM  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
ACTIVITY ROOM A/B  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Claire Perko AT: 6:34 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cindy Carleton, Lesa Ferencz, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Bree Schwartz, Jeff Dutka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Blau, Don Fritz, Nora Mason, Sean Deason

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison  
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Chair Perko support by Commissioner Dutka to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Change “Approval of Minutes” from March 9 to April 13

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

**APPROVAL OF April 13, 2023 MINUTES:**

Motion by Chair Perko support by Commissioner Carleton to approve the April 13 minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public comments

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Rock Around the Hawk has received another grant for the 23/24 program with an increase from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families. Bosch is giving another grant of 50,000 for continued support of the Makerspace. Summer camps have 860 campers enrolled in cultural arts camps. Recent concerts and performances included Ray Urena jazz concert, Xiao Dong Wei & Friends, Ehnes Quartet, Beauty and the Beast Jr, Hello Dolly, and Rock Around the Hawk. Coming up soon is the Farmington Community Chorus, Detroit Youth Choir, Eat It Up Trio, and the Juneteenth Concert. Stars in the Park starts June 15. June 15 is also the Kickoff to Summer -there will be music, outdoor activities, ticket promos, etc. New sponsorship packet is coming that will give opportunities to purchase benches, etc. Arts Commission can still move forward with their original bench plans for the tree sculpture.

**FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Art installation will be occurring in Pocket Park with Harvest Moon theme. Heart the Art coming up next Feb. Path from Library to Riley Park may beginning again soon. Skep Space has community mural. KickstART will be re-opening in the summer pending some renovations to their new space.

## **ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Discussion regarding budget

Motion by Commissioner McDermott to allocate the \$2500 in the 2023 Arts Commission budget for the tree sculpture project. Support by Vice-Chair Ferencz.

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0:0

## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Love Mural**

Artist Lisa Marie has a project focused around putting a love mural in each state and there is interest in putting the Michigan one in our area. An update will be coming to the June Arts Commission meeting.

## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023 PROJECTS**

### **Farmington City Hall Art**

Vice-Chair Ferencz shared that we are waiting for some answers from the Farmington City Manager in order to move forward.

### **Tree Sculpture Update**

Commissioner McDermott shared that the committee is continuing to work on language for the plaque for the bench/sculpture area.

### **Mary Brooks Exhibit**

Vice -Chair Ferencz has been assembling digital files for the Cultural Arts Division to exhibit digitally. Art is safely stored at this time.

### **Art Awards**

We are waiting for a new date in October. Committee will schedule time to meet soon and work through details. Commissioner Janoch and Rachel Timlin will lead committee.

### **Little Art Library**

Location is TBD. We are waiting for Commissioner Mason's communication

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Carleton shared about Centric Place meeting last week and suggested holding a gathering at the space. She also updated on sculptures in the Sarah Fisher home and her communication with Councilwoman Knoll.

Commissioner Hadfield shared about 53 North in the Thumb area and a sculpture he visited. Artpack may be hiring a talented local graduate soon.

Chair Perko shared about the Nine Mile Connection trail.

Commissioner McDermott shared an update on the Kindness Rock Garden that will be at the farm market this coming Saturday.

## **LIAISON COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Balk visited Hilton Head and shared that the town of Blufton is a nice arts town to visit.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Chair Perko

Time: 8:14 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch